GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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INDO-SINO FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have constituted a ministerial group for combating terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the composition thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a): India and China have established a bilateral Dialogue Mechanism on Counter Terrorism at the level of Joint Secretary / Director General.

(b) The first meeting of the India-China Dialogue Mechanism on Counter Terrorism was held in New Delhi on 23rdApril, 2002. Both sides shared their national experiences on dealing with the phenomenon of terrorism, and exchanged views on the international counter terrorism situation including developments in the region, cooperation at the United Nations and possibilities of bilateral cooperation. Both sides agreed that the first meeting of the dialogue mechanism was useful in enhancing mutual understanding. Both sides agreed on the terms of reference for the dialogue. The next round of the dialogue will be held in Beijing early next year.

(c): The Indian delegation to the first meeting of the India-China Dialogue Mechanism on Counter Terrorism included representatives from Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs.